

PLICUTERIA LUBOMIRSKI (ŚLÓSARSKI, 1881) (GASTROPODA: PULMONATA: HYGROMIIDAE), A FORGOTTEN ELEMENT OF THE ROMANIAN MOLLUSC FAUNA, WITH NOTES ON THE CORRECT SPELLING OF ITS NAME

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ABSTRACT: In this paper two new localities of the hygromiid land snail *Plicuteria lubomirski* (Ślósarski, 1881) are reported from Romania (Suceava and Harghita Counties). Its presence at the Lacu Roșu (Gyilkos-tó) area represents the southeastermost occurrence of the species. The only sample of *P. lubomirski* hitherto reported from Romania (leg. JICKELI in 1888 at Borsec Bai) seems to be lost from museum collections. The northern Carpathian distributional type is suggested for the species. The nomenclatural problem regarding the spelling of the specific name (i.e. *lubomirskii* or *lubomirski*) is discussed. The original, but less frequently used spelling (*lubomirski*) is suggested based on our understanding of the regulations of the IZN.

KEY WORDS: Carpathian species, faunistics, biogeography, *Trochulus*, anatomy

INTRODUCTION

Plicuteria lubomirski (Ślósarski, 1881) (often referred to as *Trochulus*) is a Carpathian species reported from Austria (KLEMM 1973, but also see REISCHÜTZ & REISCHÜTZ 2007), the Czech Republic (northern Bohemia, northern and eastern Moravia; increase eastward, see LOŽEK 1956 and PROĆKÓW 2009), southern Poland (RIEDEL 1988, WIKTOR 2004), northern Hungary (FEHÉR & GUBÁNYI 2001, PINTÉR & SUARA 2004), south-eastern Germany (SCHNIEBS & REISE 1997), western Ukraine (POLIŃSKI 1924, LIKHAREV & RAMMELMEJER 1952, BAIDASHNIKOV 1996, FEHÉR 2011, GURAL-SVERLOVA & GURAL 2012) and Slovakia (LISICKÝ 1991, VAVROVA 2009). The species is widespread and frequent in the latter country which can be interpreted as the centre of distribution.

KIMAKOWICZ (1890) was the first who reported the species from the area of the present Romania based on specimens collected by C. F. JICKELI in 1888 “in der

Umgebung des Bades Borszék” (=around Borsec Bai). This record was later mentioned by SOÓS (1943) and GROSSU (1983). No additional data on the Romanian occurrence of the species were published to our knowledge. According to DANCE (1986), the collection of JICKELI is in the Berlin Museum (=MNB) or in the Hermannstadt (=Sibiu) Museum (=NHMS). JICKELI’s specimens however have not been found in these museums (NHMS: ANA-MARIA MESAROS pers. comm., MNB: CHRISTINE ZORN, pers. comm.). This single, very old record very far from the known distribution of the species makes the occurrence of the species doubtful in Romania, especially with lost voucher specimens. Moreover, this single locality was omitted in the revision of PROĆKÓW (2009). Therefore we find it important to summarise the data on the distribution of *P. lubomirski* by reporting the species from two new Romanian localities.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The nomenclature of species mentioned is according to FAUNA EUROPAEA (2012) with the exception of *Plicuteria lubomirski*. Although the most recent taxonomic revision (PROĆKÓW 2009) placed *P. lubomirski* in the genus *Trochulus*, molecular results published by PFENNINGER et al. (2005) show that this species is only distantly related to that genus. We use here the generic name *Plicuteria* Shileyko 1978, which was described as a monotypic genus. The spelling of the specific name is contradictory and discussed here following the ICZN Code (RIDE et al. 1999).

Two specimens from the Lacu Roșu area were anatomically investigated.

Abbreviations used in the text: HNHM – Hungarian Natural History Museum, Budapest, Hungary; MD – MICHAEL DUDA Collection, Vienna, Austria; MNB – Museum für Naturkunde, Berlin, Germany; NHMS – Natural History Museum, Sibiu, Romania; NHMW – Naturhistorisches Museum Wien, Vienna, Austria; PGB – BARNA PÁLL-GERGELY Collection, Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

DISTRIBUTION

Plicuteria lubomirski was found in two new localities in Romania: (1) Jud. Suceava, Munții Rarău, south of Câmpulung Moldovenesc, along the stream Izvorul Alb, leg. B. PÁLL-GERGELY, 25.06.2005. (9 shells); (2)

Jud. Harghita, Lacu Roșu (Gyilkos-tó), along the Gyilkos-patak (stream), between the lake and the first limestone rocks reaching the highway, GPS position: 46.795377°N, 25.800018°E, leg. B. PÁLL-GERGELY, 15.08.2005, PGB/2; 15.08.2006, PGB/5; 20.05.2012, HNHM 98756/5, MD/2, NHMS/3, PGB/46 (Figs



Fig. 1. Shell (HNHM 98756) and live animal of *Plicuteria lubomirski* (Ślósarski, 1881). Collection data: Romania, Jud. Harghita, Lacu Roșu (Gyilkos-tó), along the Gyilkos-patak (stream), between the lake and the first limestone rocks reaching the highway, 46.795377°N, 25.800018°E, leg. B. PÁLL-GERGELY, 20.05.2012. Scale bar (for the shell photos) represents 5 mm. Photos: B. PÁLL-GERGELY (shell), T. DELI (live animal)

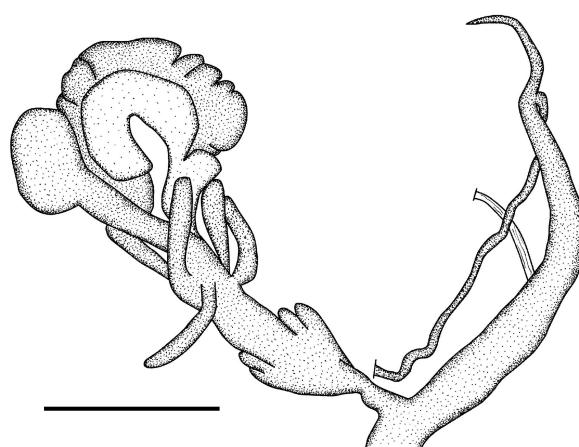


Fig. 2. Genital anatomy of *Plicuteria lubomirski* (Śłósarski, 1881). For collection data see Fig. 1. Scale represents 5 mm

1–2). The second locality is the southeasternmost locality of the species (Fig. 3). The species was frequent on both locations. Live animals were in most cases crawling on the vegetation or on both sides of large leaves (e.g. *Petasites*). The anatomy (Fig. 2) of the investigated specimens agrees with the results of SHILEYKO (1978) and PROĆKÓW (2009).

Biogeographically *Plicuteria lubomirski* is classified as a Carpathian species by KERNEY et al. (1983) and PROĆKÓW (2009). We find it reasonable to typify it as a northern Carpathian species because it is known from several localities in the Western Carpathians (which is identical to the Northern Carpathian biogeographical district in the sense of SOÓS 1943)

and the northern half of the Eastern Carpathians (with disjunct populations relatively far from the chain of the Carpathians), was not recorded from the southern half of the Eastern Carpathian chain, and is missing from the Southern Carpathian mountains. The same distribution type can be applied for instance to the clausiliids *Vestia (Vestia) gulo* (E. A. Bielz), *Alinda (Pseudalinda) stabilis* (L. Pfeiffer), *Macrogastra (Pyrostoma) tumida* (Rossmässler), and the hygromiid *Perforatella dibothrion* (M. von Kimakowicz) (for distributional data see SOÓS 1943 and GROSSU 1981).

SPELLING OF THE SPECIFIC NAME

ANTONI ŚŁÓSARSKI (1881) created the name “*Helix (Fruticicola) Lubomirski*” in order to honour his fellow malacologist Prince WŁADYSŁAW LUBOMIRSKI. Under Art. 28 of the ICBN Code this is to be corrected to *Helix (Fruticicola) lubomirski* (with lower-case initial letter of the specific name). The name is not very frequently used in the literature and the specific name (“specific epithet”) was subsequently spelled as *lubomirskii* and *lubomirski*.

A non-exhaustive literature survey of the usage of the two different types of spelling demonstrated that *lubomirski* was used much less frequently (ŚŁÓSARSKI 1881, JAECKEL 1939, GROSSU 1983, BARGA-WIECŁAWSKA et al. 2002, WELTER-SCHULTES 2012) than *lubomirskii* (KIMAKOWICZ 1890, POLIŃSKI 1914, 1917, 1919, 1924, WAGNER 1915, DYRDOWSKA 1926, GEYER 1927, MŁODZIANOWSKA-DYRDOWSKA 1928,

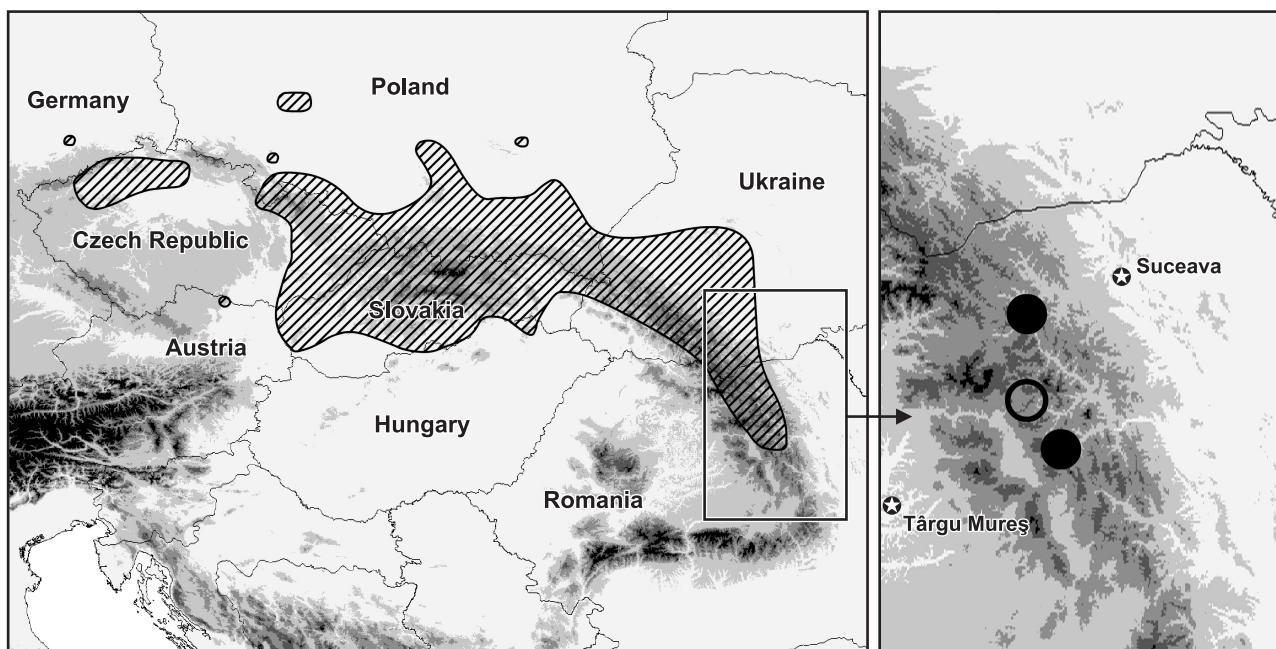


Fig. 3. Map showing distributional data of *Plicuteria lubomirski* (ŚŁÓSARSKI, 1881). After LISICKÝ (1991), BAIDASHNIKOV (1996), SCHNIEBS & REISE (1997), PINTÉR & SUARA (2004), REISCHÜTZ & REISCHÜTZ (2007), PROĆKÓW (2009), VAVROVA (2009) and data published here. The enlarged map shows the Romanian distribution; black circle: new data, hollow circle: data published by KIMAKOWICZ (1890)

URBAŃSKI 1932, 1957, EHRMANN 1933, KAZNOWSKI 1938, 1939, KERNEY et al. 1983, RIEDEL 1988, FECHTER & FALKNER 1990, BAIDASHNIKOV 1996, PAWŁOWSKA & POKRYSZKO 1998, FEHÉR & GUBÁNYI 2001, JUŘÍČKOVÁ et al. 2001, 2005, 2006, PINTÉR & SUARA 2004, WIKTOR 2004, PFENNINGER et al. 2005, SVĚROVÁ 2006, ČEJKA et al. 2007, EGOROV 2008, PROĆKÓW 2009, SYSOEV & SHILEYKO 2009, KORALEWSKA-BATURA et al. 2010, BALASHOV & GURAL-SVERLOVA 2012, FARKAS & PÁLL-GERGELY 2012, FAUNA EUROPAEA 2012), whereas SHILEYKO (1978) used both spellings.

Under Article 31.1 of the Code a species-group name formed from a personal name may either be a noun in the genitive case (this would give *lubomirskii*), or a noun in the nominative case (this would give *lubomirski*), or an adjective or participle (this would result in names like *lubomirskiana*, *lubomirskilla* etc.). In the original source the name was a noun given in the nominative case. This was a correct procedure under Art. 31.1, however it is not recommended to do this today (Recommendation 31A recommends taxonomists to avoid establishing such names). The reason why the author decided to use this spelling in 1881 remains obscure. *H. lubomirski* was the original spelling (Article 32.2), and it cannot be corrected to *lubomirskii* under Article 32.5 because it was not demonstrably incorrect as provided in Article 32.5; the only Article in the Code which would give us the power to correct such a spelling afterwards. The conditions of Article 32.5.1 and 32.5.2.1 are not met. The name was correctly formed under Article 31.1, it was not a printer's error or error in typesetting, and it was not corrected in a corrigendum.

Article 33.4 rules cases of -i/-ii endings, but does not come into effect because the conflict between -i and -ii in this Article is of a different nature and would not apply to our case. Article 33.4 rules that a name *bennetti* (the genitive case of BENNETT) and another name *bennetii* (the genitive case of the latinised name BENNETTIUS) could not be regarded as emendations of each other. The latinised form of LUBOMIRSKI would be LUBOMIRSIUS. Both names (LUBOMIRSKI and LUBOMIRSIUS) would give *lubomirskii* in the genitive case.

Since Article 33.4 does not apply, the spelling *lubomirskii* could either be an incorrect subsequent spelling, or an unjustified emendation. We check as many sources as possible, but were unable to find a publication which has used the spelling *lubomirskii* as an emendation of *lubomirski* (Art. 33.2); but this question is irrelevant in our case (see below).

Article 33 could be employed to regard the misspelling as the correct name, if this is in "prevailing usage" (Article 33.2.3.1 if an unjustified emendation, Article 33.3.1 if an incorrect subsequent spelling). If regarded as such, it would be combined with the original author and the original date of publication (Arti-

cle 33.2.3.1, 33.3.1). The term "prevailing usage" is insufficiently defined in the Code (Glossary: "that usage of the name which is adopted by at least a substantial majority of the most recent authors concerned with the relevant taxon, irrespective of how long ago their work was published"). The definition in the Glossary gives no idea how many authors should be involved, which time spans would be admissible, how many publications should contain the name, which proportion would be regarded as a "substantial" majority, and which authors would qualify for the term "most recent" authors. It is not directly demanded that the concerned authors needed to have published the name.

In the intention to determine "prevailing usage" for three rarely used names of Italian terrestrial gastropods established by STROBEL (1850) (*Pomatias Porro*, *Clausilia Balsamo* and *Clausilia Strobel*), HAUSDORF (2012) determined proportions of usages of variant spellings used in the literature. He argued that emended spellings were in prevailing usage under Article 33.2.3.1 because they were used in the emended forms in 9, 7 and 17 publications in the past 50 years (and the original forms were used in 0, 4 and 8 cases respectively, in the same period). He also listed the names of five selected recent authors of malacological works in favour of the emended forms, and one person against (the persons did not necessarily publish the concerned names). The base of HAUSDORF's (2012) selection of relevant taxonomists was personal and we regard such a procedure as questionable. This shows that inserting this Article in the Code's 4th edition (RIDE et al. 1999) (it was not contained in the previous Code editions; see RIDE et al. 1985) yielded probably undesired effects. It has initiated endless disputes on correct spellings of names and involves also social effects inside the scientific community. Who is granted the right to be selected as a relevant author to be cited at such an occasion? Recent authors from Italy and Switzerland (BODON, BOSCHI and NARDI) who had mentioned the concerned species in 2011 and were cited in HAUSDORF's (2012) paper were not included in the list of "most recent authors". BODON used the emended spellings (NARDI & BODON 2011), BOSCHI (2011) the original spelling, NARDI used both spellings in different publications (NARDI 2011, NARDI & BODON 2011). With every new publication the proportions of the usages would change (but this could be regarded as irrelevant because the persons and not the publications should count), the composition of the most recent authors would change; dead authors would eventually have to be removed from the list, etc.

What to do with co-authors? In HAUSDORF's (2012) list, seven co-authors of a book preferred the original spelling (TURNER et al. 1998). Adding these to the list of author proportions would provoke an en-



tirely different result and anything else but a “substantial majority” for the emended spellings.

The reasons behind inserting this Article in the 4th Code edition are speculative and were nowhere documented or explained, but the examples (Article 33.2.3.1 *Helophorus*, Article 33.3.1 *Trypanosoma brucei*) suggest that the new rules were thought to be applied for very frequently used names, which are cited hundreds or thousands of times each year. The examples suggest that the rules were probably not established to determine the preferred spelling of a name that is cited less than 25 times in 50 years. Consequently, it might probably be best to use the original spellings of the quite rarely used mollusc names.

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